



June 5, 2020

Regional Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. EPA, Region 4
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA
30303-8960

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, I am requesting copies and/or access to records held by EPA Region 4 office concerning the Medley Farm Drum Dump site at 887 Burnt Gin Road in Gaffney, South Carolina (SCD980558142).

From 1973 to 1978, the Medley Farm Drum Dump site stored drums of chemical wastes from textile, paint, and chemical manufacturing plants. In 1983, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) inspected the Medley Farm site and found hazardous waste drums in open pits, several small lagoons, and on the ground in various stages of deterioration. SCDHEC conducted sampling and notified the EPA. The EPA initiated removal actions on June 20, 1983 and removed 5,383 hazardous waste drums containing toluene, benzene, methylene chloride, PCE, and vinyl chloride from the site. The SCDHEC and the EPA continued to conduct groundwater sampling and site evaluation and remediation activities throughout the 1980s and 1990s.

In this request, I am seeking any documentation concerning the following entities who may have brought drums to or disposed of drums at the Medley Farm Drum site:

- National Starch and Chemical Corporation
- Tanner Chemical Company
- Charles S. Tanner Company

I am also requesting release of the following specific documents concerning the investigation and cleanup of the Medley Farm site:

- Photographs of the Medley Farm site
- Site logs of the Medley Farm site
- Documentation of drum shipments to the Medley Farm site
- Deposition testimony and witness statements from the SCDHEC and EPA investigations

- Site investigations, correspondence, permits, and other documents held by the email concerning SCDHEC investigation from the 1970s until 1992.
- 1983 USEPA Remedial/Removal Action
- 1981 Discovery
- 1984 SI
- 1987 PA
- 1988 ATSDR Health Assessment
- 1988 PRP Community Relations
- 1991 PRP RI/FS
- 1991 Admin Record
- 1992 Consent Decree for RD/RA

If this is not possible, we request information as to why, as we understand that these collections are publically accessible under statutory regulations.

History Associates agrees to pay all reasonable and standard processing fees authorized by 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A) and the applicable regulations up to \$250. Should the fees exceed this amount, please call me with an estimate of the total costs in order that specific expenditures beyond \$250 can be authorized.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact me at (301) 279-9697 or via email at HBergen@historyassociates.com.

Sincerely,

Hilary Bergen